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(Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 13th November 1957

S.R.O. 3677.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. **Short title and Commencement.**—(1) This Order may be called the Rice (Restrictions on Rail-bookings) Order, 1957.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "State Government" means the Government of the State or the administrator of the Union territory, as the case may be, in which the railway station concerned is situated;

(b) "transport" means to take into the premises of a railway station for the purpose of despatch by rail;

(c) "book" means to accept for despatch by rail;

(d) "rice" includes paddy and products of rice and paddy other than rice bran.

3. **Restrictions on Rail-Bookings.**—(1) No person shall transport or attempt to transport or abet the transport of rice into any railway station lying on any of the sections specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) No person shall book rice from any railway station lying on any of the sections specified in the Schedule to this Order:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall apply to the transport or booking of rice—

(i) on Government account; or

- (ii) under and in accordance with Military credit notes; or
- (iii) under written permission of the Central Government.

4. **Powers of Inspection, Seizure Etc.**—Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector and any other person authorised in this behalf by the State Government or the Central Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (1) stop and search, or authorise any person to stop and search, any person, motor or any vehicle or conveyance used or capable of being used for the transport of rice;
- (2) seize or authorise the seizure of any article in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been or is being or is about to be contravened, along with the packages, coverings or receptacles in which such article is found or the animals, vehicles or other conveyances used in carrying such article and thereafter take or authorise the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings or receptacles or the animals, vehicles or other conveyances so seized in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

THE SCHEDULE

All railway stations falling within,—

- (1) Anupgarh—Suratgarh Section, Northern Railway.
- (2) The loop between Suratgarh and Hanumangarh *via* Rai Singh Nagar, Kesri Singhpur, Dholipal and also on Suratgarh—Hanumangarh Section, Northern Railway.
- (3) Hanumangarh—Mandi Dabwali, Northern Railway.
- (4) Hanumangarh—Delhi Section (Meter gauge) Northern Railway *via* Sadulpur/Rewari Junctions.
- (5) Sadulpur—Churu Section, Northern Railway.
- (6) Sadulpur—Hissar Section, Northern Railway.
- (7) Loharu—Sikar Section, Western Railway.
- (8) Rewari—Reengus Section, Western Railway.
- (9) Rewari—Alwar Section, Western Railway.
- (10) Delhi—Ghaziabad Section, Northern Railway.
- (11) Narela—Delhi Section, Northern Railway.
- (12) Bahadurgarh—Delhi Section, Northern Railway and Delhi Cantonment.
- (13) Delhi—Kosi Kalan Section, Central Railway.
- (14) Delhi—Shahdara—Baraut Section, Shahdara Saharanpur Light Railway.

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